CLAIMS:

1.   A wireless communication device (20) for composing a message, said device (20) comprising:

a display screen (21); and

a virtual keypad (23) having a plurality of keys displayed on said display screen (21),

wherein said virtual keypad (23) includes a first key operable to display a first character associated with said first key within the message as displayed on said display screen (21) in response to an application of a first load level upon a localized area of said display screen (21) corresponding to said first key, and

wherein said first key is further operable to display a second character associated with said first key within the message as displayed on said display screen (21) in response to an application of a second load level upon the localized area of said display screen (21) corresponding to said first key.

2.   The wireless communication device (20) of claim 1, wherein said first key is further operable to display a third character associated with said first key within the message as displayed on said display screen (21) in response to an application of a third load level upon the localized area of said display screen (21) corresponding to said first key.

3.   The wireless communication device (20) of claim 2, wherein said first key is further operable to display a fourth character associated with said first key within the message as displayed on said display screen (21) in response to an application of a fourth load level upon the localized area of said display screen (21) corresponding to said first key.

4.   The wireless communication device (20) of claim 5, wherein said first key is further operable to display a fifth character associated with said first key within the message as displayed on said display screen (21) in response to an application of a fifth load level upon the localized area of said display screen (21) corresponding to said first key.

5.   In a wireless communication device (20) including a display screen (21) and a virtual keypad (23) having a plurality of keys displayed on the display screen (21), a method of composing a message, said method comprising:

    sensing and measuring an application of a load upon a localized area of the display screen (21) corresponding to a first key of the virtual keypad (23);

    displaying a first character associated with the first key within the message as displayed on the display screen (21) in response to a measurement of the load equating a first load level; and

    displaying a second character associated with the first key within the message as displayed on the display screen (21) in response to a measurement of the load equating a second load level.

6.   The method of claim 5, further comprising:

    displaying a third character associated with the first key within the message as displayed on the display screen (21) in response to a measurement of the load equating a third load level.

7.   The method of claim 6, further comprising:

    displaying a fourth character associated with the first key within the message as displayed on the display screen (21) in response to a measurement of the load equating a fourth load level.

8.   The method of claim 7, further comprising:

displaying a fifth character associated with the first key within the message as displayed on the display screen (21) in response to a measurement of the load equating a fifth load level.